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SUBJECT: Overseas Areas Exempt from Prohibition on Shipment of Foreign-Made Privately-Owned Vehicles at Government Expense

- References: (a) DoD Instruction 4500.40, "Overseas Areas Exempt from Prohibition on Shipment at Government Expense of Foreign-Made Privately-Owned Vehicles," July 17, 1979 (hereby canceled)
- (b) Joint *Federal* Travel Regulations, Volume 1, Chapter *5, Part E, and Appendix E*
- (c) Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2, paragraph C11009

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction reissues reference (a), prescribes uniform criteria, responsibility, and guidance for determining which overseas locations may be exempt from the prohibition on shipment of foreign-made privately-owned vehicles (FPOVs), and provides procedures for reporting such locations.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Military Departments. These provisions encompass any area outside the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories or possessions, where DoD personnel are permanently stationed.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. United States Privately Owned Vehicle (USPOV). Any vehicle, regardless

of where manufactured, purchased from a dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession for delivery in these locations. For the purposes of this Instruction, FPOVs that have been imported to the above areas at private expense may later be considered as USPOVs. Vehicles that have been manufactured or assembled in the United States and sold through the Armed Forces exchange system, or through a dealer in the United States for delivery overseas, or through a United States factory-franchised foreign dealer are also considered USPOVs. The above vehicles, both new and used, and those used United States manufactured and assembled vehicles purchased overseas from other than a dealer which were originally purchased in the United States are considered USPOVs and are not prohibited from shipment at Government expense.

3.2. Foreign-Made Privately Owned Vehicle (FPOV). Any vehicle manufactured or assembled in a foreign country and purchased from a dealer in a foreign country or in the United States for delivery outside the United States, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession.

4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that the transportation at Government expense of an FPOV incident to a permanent change of station (PCS) is prohibited except to and from those overseas locations listed in Joint *Federal* Travel Regulation (*JFTR*), Volume 1, Appendix *E*, and Volume 2, paragraph C11009 (reference (b) and (c)) or in accordance with other exceptions specifically authorized in JFTR, Volume 1, par. M11002-3c.

Transportation of an FPOV from an overseas area that has been exempted previously from the prohibition on the shipment of FPOVs at Government expense shall not be authorized unless the FPOV is approved previously by the local overseas commander as a make and model that can be serviced and repaired adequately to provide transportation in the area concerned. Transportation of an FPOV from any location outside the United States, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession shall not be authorized at Government expense unless:

4.1. The FPOV was purchased for use as transportation by the member and/or dependents at the overseas duty station; and

4.2. The FPOV was purchased more than one year before the date it was delivered for shipment, except for deceased or missing personnel otherwise authorized shipment of a POV from the overseas area concerned. This one year requirement may be waived by the overseas commander concerned if:

4.2.1. A member's FPOV is a replacement, under the provisions of *JFTR*, Volume 1, par. M11002-3c, for a vehicle that is not repairable, or was lost or destroyed through fire, theft, accident, or rapid deterioration, or;

4.2.2. A member who will be serving consecutive overseas assignments, purchases an FPOV as a replacement, under the provisions of *JFTR*, Volume 1, par. *U5415-B3*, for a vehicle that is authorized but not suitable for shipment to the new overseas duty station, or;

4.2.3. A member is being assigned on PCS orders to an exempt area, or;

4.2.4. A member has purchased an FPOV with an expected return from overseas more than a year away, but for reasons beyond the member's control (such as promotion and early reassignment or reassignment for compassionate reasons), the member's assignment is curtailed before the one year criteria can be met.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. Overseas Commanders. The senior commander in the local overseas area shall:

5.1.1. Send the initial recommendation through channels to the Chairman of the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) that a particular area should be exempt from FPOV restriction in accordance with the criteria in section 6., below.

5.1.2. Publish and keep a current list by make and model of FPOVs that can be serviced and repaired adequately to provide transportation in the area concerned, and which are approved for shipment at Government expense (provided the area has been exempted previously from the prohibition on the shipment of FPOVs). A copy of each list should be forwarded to the Chairman, PDTATAC.

5.1.3. Advise members who are on permanent change-of-station (PCS) orders to the exempted area of the availability or nonavailability of parts, service, fuel, oil, etc., for USPOVs and FPOVs in the area concerned.

5.1.4. Recommend additions to or deletions from the list of overseas areas exempt from the prohibition on shipment of FPOVs contained in *JFTR*, Volume 1, Appendix *E* and Volume 2, paragraph C11009 (references (b) and (c)), and forward

such additions or deletions through channels to the Chairman, PDTATAC.

5.2. Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC). The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee shall:

5.2.1. Review all requests for exemption and propose changes to references (b) and (c).

5.2.2. Direct and coordinate a biennial review of locations that have been granted exemption status.

5.3. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)) shall approve all additions to the exempted location list and the results of the biennial review from the PDTATAC.

6. CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTION

6.1. Overseas military commanders shall apply the following specific criteria, along with any unique considerations applicable to the area concerned, to determine whether an FPOV exemption should be requested:

6.1.1. When required support services, such as the commissary, post office, library, and clubs, are not within walking distance from U.S. residential areas, or when travel by foot to and from such services is impracticable.

6.1.2. When Government or commercial transportation between residences and required support services is not available.

6.1.3. When commercial transportation is available but is considered inadequate because of infrequent schedules, poor equipment, overcrowding, or the use of such equipment is impracticable for the member or dependents.

6.2. The following criteria shall be considered by military commanders in determining whether USPOVs can be used to provide essential private transportation:

6.2.1. The importation of USPOVs is permitted into the country in question.

6.2.2. The general presence of proportionately significant numbers of USPOVs in good operating condition should be regarded as an indication that they are supportable in a given area. This criterion solicits objectivity and sound judgment rather than a statistical determination.

6.2.3. Adequate facilities, including post exchange or commercial facilities, are available for the maintenance and repair of USPOVs. In general, adequate repair facilities will be considered to exist at an overseas area if they are:

6.2.3.1. Capable of performing normal repairs and maintenance on USPOVs, replacement of external bolt-on equipment (such as fuel pump, water pump, and alternator), brake installation, lubrication, oil change, and other such services generally provided at CONUS service stations or automobile repair shops.

6.2.3.2. Located within one hour's driving time from the vicinity of the member's or employee's duty station, or residence, whichever is shorter.

6.2.3.3. Capable of completing the required repair work in 15 working days, including the time necessary for delivery of parts.

6.2.4. Road conditions, terrain, and climate are detrimental to the operation of USPOVs.

6.2.5. The type of gasoline such as nonleaded, minimum octane, engine oil, and chassis lubricants required for proper operation of USPOVs are not available or are scarce.

6.2.6. USPOVs, identified as such, could pose a security threat to the safety of the occupants and subject them to terrorist activities.

6.2.7. Only USPOVs manufactured within the most recent five model years will be considered in applying the criteria contained in paragraphs 6.2.1. through 6.2.5., above.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) within 120 days.



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